



Captain Mary E. Dexter, USN

Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast

Captain Mary E. (Beth) Dexter was born and raised in Northern Alabama, and is a 1984 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduation, she was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering and designated an Engineering Duty Officer.

Her first duty station was in USS PROTEUS (AS 19) at Agana, Guam. While in PROTEUS, she served in division officer assignments and completed Surface Warfare Officer qualifications. Captain Dexter was then assigned project officer duties at the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair, USN (SUPSHIP) New Orleans, Louisiana from 1987 to 1991. She served as Project Officer for the Extended Dry-docking Selected Restricted Availability of USS JOHN L HALL (FFG 32), and conversion of the CIMMARON (AO 177) Class fleet oilers.

Following Surface Warfare Department Head School at Newport, Rhode Island, Captain Dexter was assigned as Chief Engineer in USS MERRIMACK (AO 179) at Norfolk, Virginia. Subsequent to her Chief Engineer tour, she attended the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, and was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

After graduate school, Captain Dexter joined the staff of Commander Naval Surface Forces Pacific Fleet as Type Desk Officer for Amphibious and Command Ships. During this tour in San Diego, California, Captain Dexter also served as Combatant Type Desk Officer and Maintenance Director at the Southwest Regional Maintenance Center. In 1999, Captain Dexter reported to SUPSHIP, Pascagoula, Mississippi, to serve as Repair Officer and Program Manager's Representative for the LHD Amphibious Assault Ship program. In 2002, she transferred to Yokosuka, Japan, for duty as Executive Officer and Production Officer, U. S. Naval Ship Repair Facility and Japan Regional Maintenance Center. She reported as Head, Engineering Duty Officer Assignment Branch (PERS 445) on the staff of Commander Naval Personnel Command at Millington, Tennessee, in December of 2004. There Captain Dexter's responsibilities included community management and detailing functions for 856 Engineering Duty Officers.

Captain Dexter became the second Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN, Gulf Coast in February 2006.

Captain Dexter's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, and Navy Commendation Medals. She is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of California, and member of the Navy's Acquisition Corps.